BALTIMORE METROCENTER SURVEY

SURVEY NO.: B-2170

AREA: Cathedral Hill

MAGI NO.: 0421705611

Address: 338 North Charles Street

Current Name: Studio 338

Block: 580 Lot: 9

Lot size: 25 ft. x 120 ft.

Materials: Brick

Owner: Milton Sommers et al Accessible: yes, restricted Liber/Folio: RHB 3692/399



Historic Name: Date: ca. 1900

Condition: Good

Use: Commercial

Designation:

Height:

Architect/Builder:

Style (if appropriate):

Description: The building is set on a raised basement which has been converted to commercial space. The basic three-bay facade has a circa 1900 first floor and basement exterior covering of rusticated roman brick. A large arched display window with modern plate glass infill visually blends in to the glass wall of the basement store facade. Flanking the window on the north side is the arched entrance, reached by a flight of marble steps from street level. The actual doorway is recessed behind the arch. Elaborate composite pilaster capitals form the springstones of the arch. The brickwork forms a pointed arch above the round arch opening. An egg-and-dart molding embellishes a belt course which separates the roman brick of the lower facade from the flemish bond of the upper portion. An oriel window occupies the two southern bays on the second story. The oriel has transomed side windows and a single plate glass center window. A pressed metal or plaster frieze of swags ornaments the top of the oriel. A large scroll console under the oriel visually forms a keystone for the arch of the first floor window. The single window flanking the oriel on the second floor is 1/1 with a gauged flat arch and stone sill. The windows on the third story are 6/6.

Significance:

Area: architecture

Level: local

The facadeof 338 North Charles Street is an interesting example of architectural alteration over many years. It has apparently undergone at least two substantial alterations in its history. A deed reference of 1836 refers to a two-story brick house on the lot. The third story was probably added not long after this reference. Around 1900, the roman brick lower facade and possibly the oriel window were built. More recent remodelings of the retail space have resulted in the plate glass fronts of the basement and first floor storefronts.

Sources: DR 2-28-20; land records

Surveyor and Date: Janet Davis, March 1985





338 North Charles Street B-2170 Cathedral Hill - Metrocenter Survey Baltimore (City), Maryland Photo: Janet Davis Date: August 1984

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338 North Charles is an attached building of common bond brick on the third and fourth stories and stone common bond bricks with channeled masonery on the first and third. The front facade has four stories and three bays.

The first story consists of two rectangular doors and one window, 1 pane. One door is located on the far left while the other is to the far right on the second story. There are nine marble steps leading to a stoop, porch and vestibule. Corinthian pilasters flank the festibule. A high pitched relieving arch is over the entrance to the vestibule. Inside the vestibule a wooden door in the center leads to the rest of the building, and to the right a glass door with a transom leads to a store. The window on the first story is imbetween the left door and the stairs.

The second story is the same as the first except without the left. There is also and eliptical arch over the
window. It has an arched brick lintel and stained glass in
the arch.

The third story is made up of one large/bay to the left and a smaller rectangular window on the right. The bay has one pane with 1x2 panes flanking it. There are wooden sills and an entabulature with a molded freeze in relief. The architrave is in fucia. The right window has a brick flat arched lintel, cement sills and a 1x2 pane.

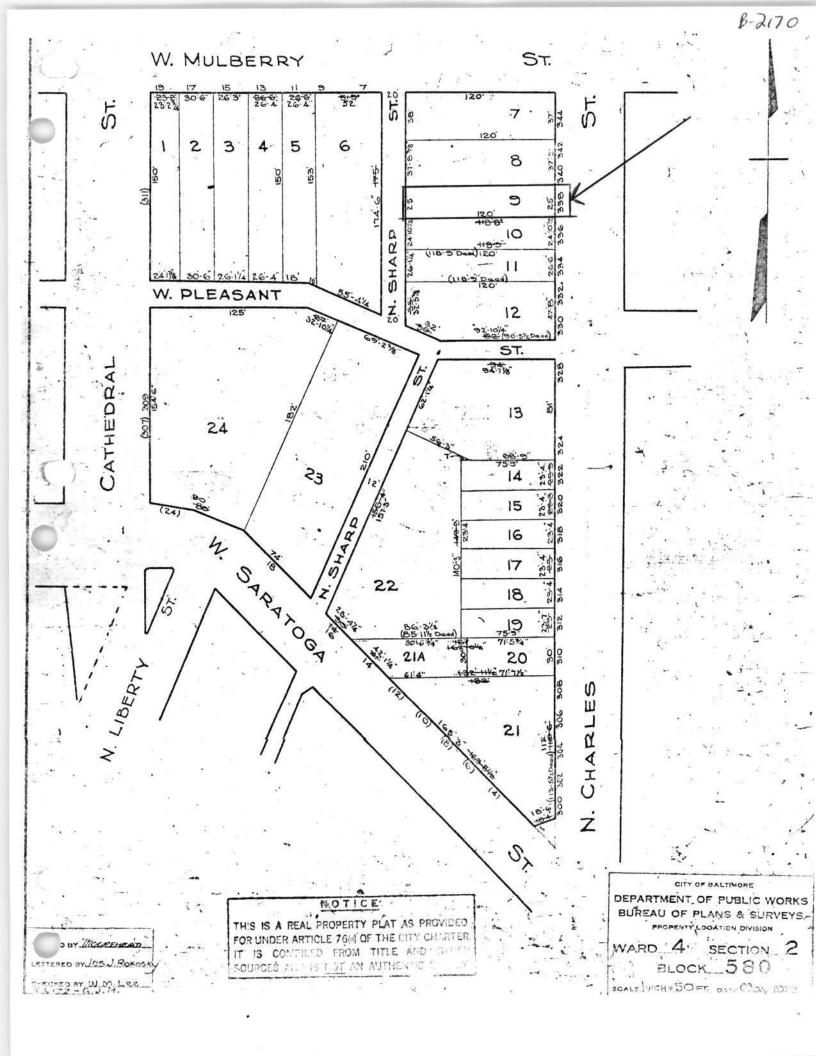
Three rectangular windows, 3x4 panes, with straight arched brick lintels and wooden sills make up the fourth story. There is a plain wooden cornice above these windows

The back of the building consists of two stories both of common bond brick. The first story has a garage to the left with four windows,1x2, over it. To the left a rectangular window with arched lintel and cement sill is boarded up. There is one window, 1x2, in the center of the second story, with flat brick arched lintels filled in with brick and cement.

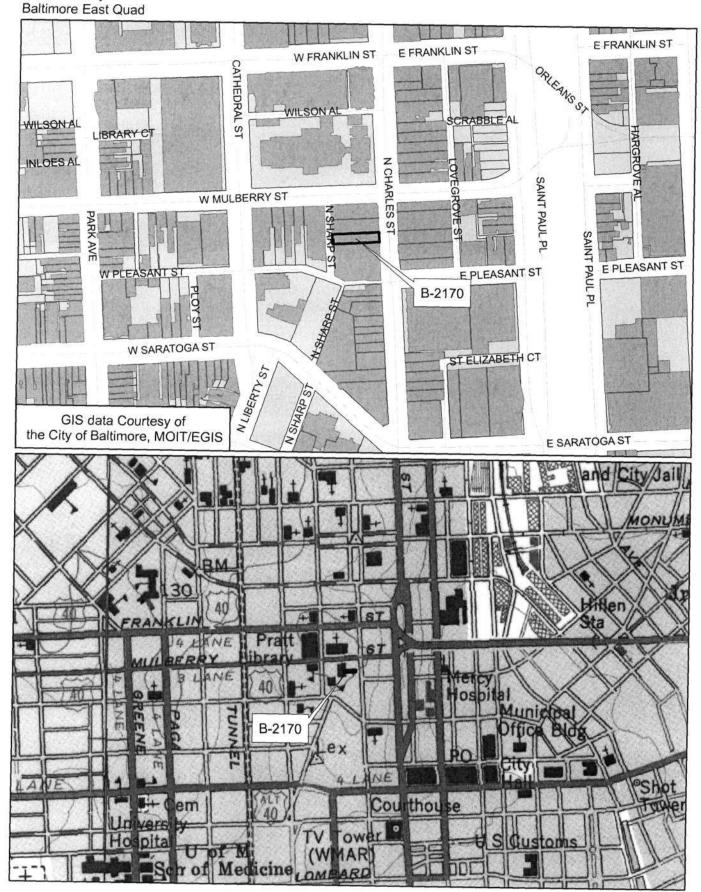
It is basically in porportion to the other buildings on Charles, except for the fact that it is very guady onthe first and second stories and very plain on the third and fourth.

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